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Sir,

The proposed settlement of the Microsoft Antitrust case is absurd and we applaud your decision to pursue harsher penalties.

Microsoft has been adjudicated and found guilty. The company should not be able to dictate or determine the consequences applied. The consequences should be that which best serves the public interest and that only can be achieved by reducing the leverage Microsoft has over smaller companies; leverage that Microsoft has been applying to the market place for years.

Any action that results in the generation of revenues or entries into areas of the market that currently are not dominated by Microsoft or increases dependency on its products would only reward Microsoft for the practices which resulted in their being found guilty for violating anti trust laws.

The only justified punishment is to break up the company, accompanied with substantial fines. The failure of the US Justice Department to pursue this reduces the confidence that citizens can get justice. Now we know the true meaning of criminal justice.
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